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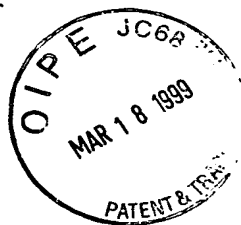
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FIRE et al.

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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following application of:

<u>Examiner's Initials</u>	<u>First Inventor</u>	<u>Application No.</u>
	FIRE et al.	60/068,562

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Consideration of the listed application is earnestly solicited since unpublished patent applications are contemplated as IDS material; see the exception in Rule 98(a)(2)(ii) and note the penultimate sentence of MPEP 609.

Further in keeping with MPEP 609, Subsec. C(2), 2<sup>nd</sup> para., line 10 to end of the paragraph (especially note lines 18-25) **PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS LETTER** with the Examiner's initials adjacent each above listing so that applicant will know that each listed application has been considered as required by PTO policy. Thanks.

Secondly, please consider each enclosed document which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and return a copy of that form with the Examiner's initials adjacent each

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citation.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of this letter and the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited.

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